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SUBJECT: UNSYG'S REPORT ON NAPALM AND OTHER INCENDIARIES

REF: USNATO 3814

1. FURTHER POLADS' DISCUSSION AUGUST 28 OF UNSYG'S REPORT ON NAPALM AND OTHER INCENDIARIES WAS RESTRICTED TO STATEMENTS BY ITALIAN AND DANISH REPS PRESENTING THEIR AUTHORITIES' POSITIONS.

2. ITALIAN REP ADVISED THAT ROME BELIEVED CCD WAS ONLY APPROPRIATE FORUM FOR DISCUSSION OF SUBJECT AND THAT DISCUSSION OF SUBJECT IN OTHER FORA WOULD INEVITABLY INTRODUCE UNDESIRABLE "POLITICAL ELEMENTS." IN ROME'S VIEW, UNGA INVOLVEMENT IN SUBJECT SHOULD BE RESTRICTED TO ASKING CCD TO TAKE IT UP BUT IF FURTHER DISCUSSION IN UN UNAVOIDABLE, THIS SHOULD BE IN FIRST RATHER THAN SIXTH COMMITTEE. ITALIANS ALSO BELIEVE THAT EASE WITH WHICH NAPALM CAN BE MANUFACTURED MAKES ANY PROHIBITION VERY DOUBTFUL. ITALIANS DO NOT INTEND REPLY TO UNSYG'S INQUIRY BUT BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE FOR SOME
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NATO MEMBERS TO REPLY IN ORDER AVOID APPEARANCE OF "BLOC" APPROACH.

3. AS EXPECTED, DANISH POSITION ON REPORT WAS RELATIVELY

FAVORABLE. DANISH REP ADVISED THAT COPENHAGEN FOUND REPORT
"VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION" WHICH WOULD BE "GOOD BASIS FOR FUR-
THER WORK," PARTICULARLY IN REACHING AGREEMENT ON PROHIBITION
OR RESTRICTION OF USE OF NAPLAM AGAINST CIVILIAN POPULATION.
HOWEVER, IN VIEW COMPLEXITY OF SUBJECT, COPENHAGEN AGREES
WITH OTHER ALLIES THAT CCD WOULD BE MOST APPROPRIATE FORUM
FOR THIS WORK, ALTHOUGH UNGA AND ICRC MIGHT BE ABLE TO MAKE
CONTRIBUTIONS ON "MORE GENERAL ASPECTS." DANISH REP CONFIRMED
THAT COPENHAGEN'S REPLY TO UNSYG WOULD INCORPORATE ABOVE
POINTS.
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